

Davis County EMS Council

August 2, 2012

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Present:

Arnold Butcher, Chair
Dave Olsen
Neil Coker
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Dr. Bill Swiler

Visitors/Guests:

Deena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
S. Adams – North Davis
Justin Benavides – Clinton

County Staff Present:

Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, August 2, 2012 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, Arnold Butcher.

Welcome

Capt. Arnold Butcher welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Capt. Butcher also congratulated Chief Olsen on his appointment as the Clinton Fire Chief.

Minutes (Action)

The minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Chief Coker motioned to accept minutes of the February 2, 2012 EMS Council meeting. Dr. Wyman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

RSI Update (Action)

Dr. Wyman reported Jason Cook presented the State with the outcomes of the Pilot RSI program for the first year and received positive feedback. Initially staff estimated RSI protocols would be used in 12 cases per year, however, in the first year RSI protocols were utilized in 24 cases.

Capt. Butcher commented that the ER doctors have been receptive and supportive of the new program. Allowing crews to run RSI protocols while in the emergency room, which provides experience and learning for the crews.

Medical Directors Update (Information)

Not discussed

BEMS Update (Information)

Not discussed.

Other Business

Chief Olsen introduced and welcomed Asst. Chief Justin Benavides.

Chief Olsen voiced concerns regarding Pro Qa regarding seizures. Crews are being dispatched on alpha response seizures but upon arrival find they are first time seizures. Currently crews are not carrying anti-convulsive medications and the calls have to be upgraded. Better information is needed from the dispatchers so as not to delay treatment. Dr. Wyman said he would review the EMD cards to see if they need to be updated. Capt. Butcher commented that he believes the EMD cards are at issue as he has received complaints from dispatch on the same issue. Capt. Butcher and Dr. Wyman stated they would look into the issue further.

Ms. Eckardt from Davis Hospital stated that they have received a few patients that have been given Haldol which doesn't start working until they arrive in the ER. Then ER staff are unable to evaluate them properly because they are sedated. Dr. Wyman stated that Haldol should only be used on psychiatric patients. Ms. Eckardt asked that crews be reminded to use other medications such as Versed instead. The Davis County EMS Protocols currently list Haldol as the primary medication to be used under

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behavioral issues. Dr. Wyman stated the protocols can be amended and asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Eckardt also invited the council to a CME on psychiatric patients being held at Davis Hospital. Police officers will join for a portion of the meeting to discuss the process of patients that have been pink sheeted. There is confusion between law enforcement and EMS as to who is required to transport a pink sheeted patient and what hospital they will go to. There have been instances where they have said all pink sheeted patients are taken to McKayDee Hospital. If the patient also needs medical care they are bypassing two hospitals to get to McKayDee, this delays their proper care. The class will discuss the criteria that is needed and the proper process and paperwork. Capt. Butcher recommended they contact Lt. Benson who handles psychiatric transports for the Sheriff's department.

Capt. Butcher reminded the council that the EMS Conference is being held on August 14 and 15. There is still space available for all that would like to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2012
 9:30 a.m.**